

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 21, 26, 28-38 and 40-42 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 11 and 18 are amended to correct a typographical error and for consistency and claim 39 is canceled. These amendments should be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and/or §41.33(a) in order to cancel claim 39 and to present claims 11 and 18 in better form for consideration on appeal. This Amendment is being filed prior to the filing of the Appeal Brief.

Applicants maintain all the previous arguments. Applicants will be filing an Appeal Brief shortly.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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